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2. Israel forces personnel continued to occupy daily, during daylight hours, four positions on the Lebanese side of the armistice demarcation line (ADL) near border pillars 11 (AMR 1799-2788), 1/ 18 (AMR 1880-2740), 19 (AMR 1907-1749) and 33 (AMR 2004-2904).

3. There were two cases of firing across the ADL and two crossing violations. These were reported as follows:

(a) OP Lab (AMR 1643-2772), south of the village of Labouna, reported machine-gun fire and flares by Israel forces on 20 January.

(b) OP Hin (AMR 1770-2790), east of the village of Marouahine, reported one crossing violation by an Israel forces vehicle on 20 January (maximum penetration 100 metres).

(c) OP Khiam (AMR 2071-3025), south of the village of El Khiam, reported mortar fire by Israel forces on 20 January and one crossing violation by Israel forces personnel on 21 January (maximum penetration 150 metres).

4. There were four overflights reported during the period. Overflights by Israel forces jet aircraft were reported on 20 January (two overflights) and on 22 and 25 January (one each day).

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1/ AMR - approximate map reference.

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(d) Two complaints were submitted alleging that Israel forces naval vessels had penetrated Lebanese territorial waters on 20 January. The complaints were not confirmed owing to darkness.

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[3 February 1975]

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1. Activity in the sector during the period under review remained at a very low level.

2. Israel forces personnel continued to occupy daily, during daylight hours, three positions on the Lebanese side of the armistice demarcation line (ADL) near border pillars 11, 19, and 33. A fourth position, near border pillar 18, was occupied on 28 and 30 January. Israel forces personnel were also observed on 28 and 30 January and 1 February at a previously constructed position near border pillar 14 (AMR 1838-2734), south of Rmaich (see S/11057/Add.544, para. 6 (a)).

3. There were three cases of firing across the ADL, one of which involved an exchange of fire. These were reported as follows:

(a) OP Hin, east of the village Marouahine, reported artillery fire by Israel forces on 31 January. It also reported an exchange of automatic-weapons fire on 31 January between Israel forces and unidentified forces east of the OP.

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